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October 1, 2008

R. David Paulison  
Administrator  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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Dear Administrator Paulison:

As the Governor Authorized Representative, I request that FEMA create and implement a Direct Housing Mission for Louisiana to cover the housing needs created by the effects of both Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. It is imperative that immediate housing options exist for residents in communities where rental resources are limited and where residents must remain close to their jobs and communities. The State of Louisiana will work in direct partnership with local parish officials in determining housing needs and support local decisions in developing temporary housing solutions utilizing federal assistance.

On September 1, 2008, and September 12, 2008, respectively, Louisiana was severely damaged by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Singularly, each was a major disaster; combined these storms amount to a catastrophic event for the state. At the time of these two hurricanes, Louisiana was in the midst of recovery from the largest disasters in U.S. history – Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In the most impacted parishes, there are immediate housing needs for households unable to return to their homes. More than 120,000 homes received some damage. In Cameron parish, it is estimated that more than 4,000 homes were damaged. In Terrebonne, approximately 2,000 homes were flooded. Of the 43 parishes that received an Individual Assistance designation, 17 rural parishes were particularly hard hit. The state expects FEMA to provide Temporary Housing Units in these areas as soon as possible, recognizing that additional parishes may be declared eligible for federal assistance.

With over 430,000 registrations for assistance, and over 10,000 households receiving rental or transitional shelter assistance, the state has identified portions of the state where the need for housing solutions exceeds the current supply of available units. While the state is still working closely with FEMA to assess its housing needs for residents impacted by these two storms, it is imperative that solutions are developed immediately.

In accordance with FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Plan, a state-led Joint Housing Solutions Task Force convened to identify needs, validate resources and explore options to address the housing needs. The State of Louisiana will prioritize the needs for temporary housing in coordination with parish leaders to ensure that the plan meets the specific needs of each locality and its residents. The state requests that a number of housing solutions available under FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Plan be implemented to provide immediate and long-term solutions for our residents whose housing units have been damaged by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. These include:

- Utilizing available rental units
- Utilizing other federal housing stock (USDA, VA, HUD, etc.)
- Utilizing available rental resources under HUD
- Employing Mobile Homes, Park Model units and other alternative forms of acceptable THUs (at request of parish and/or municipal officials)
- Rehabilitating rental units not in commerce now
- Employing Cottages and other Alternative Models for interim housing (with a commitment to reimburse the state if the state is able to construct them in a timelier manner than FEMA)
- Authorizing Permanent Housing Construction
- Accelerating a program for the sale of THUs to homeowners who qualify through FEMA
- Donating THUs to Volunteer Agencies who may assist renters and other individuals who may not qualify to purchase the THU
- Other available alternatives

The first priority will be to utilize available rental units in proximity to damaged homes and rental units. In those parishes with a shortage of rental units, alternative models will be sought as a priority to keep families in close proximity of their communities and jobs. It is vital to the state to get the Direct Housing Mission approved so that pre-placement interviews can begin to help us further refine the need.

I am grateful for the support your staff has provided and request your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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October 14, 2008

James W. Stark  
Director, Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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New Orleans, LA 70113

Dear Mr. Stark:

As the Governor's Authorized Representative, I am following up on the Direct Housing Mission request dated October 1, 2008. My agency was advised to provide supplementary housing solution information based on the urgent needs of the parishes most heavily impacted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Please consider this letter the first of two supplementary requests.

On September 1, 2008, and September 12, 2008, respectively, Louisiana was severely damaged by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Singularly, each was a major disaster; combined, these storms amount to a catastrophic event for the state. At the time of these two hurricanes, Louisiana was in the midst of recovery from the largest disasters in U.S. history – Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

LRA staff has been in contact with parish leaders impacted by the 2008 storms to educate them about the state-led Joint Housing Taskforce and the new opportunities for temporary housing solutions outlined in FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Strategy guidance. We have shared with our parish leadership that the more ideal solution is to work with FEMA to secure rental resources or hotel/motel units where available.

While these are the most ideal interim housing for residents, in many parishes, especially the hardest hit in our coastal areas, solutions such as affordable rental units and hotel/motels are not available. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita destroyed more than 250,000 homes and at least 80,000 rental units. While the state is working aggressively to rebuild these units, less than a third of those units have come back online in the past three years. Even fewer have remained affordable. Additionally, the areas most impacted by the 2008 storms are mostly rural and had few rental units to begin with.

Working with FEMA data, the state has identified the five most impacted areas in greatest need of immediate housing solutions. The parishes of Cameron, Lafourche, and Terrebonne parishes and the towns of Jean Lafitte and Grand Isle (Jefferson Parish) have very few alternative housing solutions such as rental resources or available hotel/motel units. The State of Louisiana has worked in direct partnership with the local parish officials in these areas to determine their interim housing needs.

All of the parishes have made it clear that it is critical that commute distances be kept to a minimum so they remain in close proximity to their jobs and communities so they may work, attend school and rebuild. Many of the residents in need of temporary housing solutions while they rebuild are the employees of the state's seafood and oil and gas industries which depend on their workforce to be nearby. Housing solutions outside of a short driving radius are not viable options.

In accordance with FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Plan, the state is making its first of its requests for the following interim housing solutions by parish and town. What follows is an outline of requests by parish.

- Cameron Parish: More than 1,800 homes were damaged in Cameron Parish displacing more than 4,000 residents. The parish requests a mix of options to provide for immediate, short-term and long-term temporary housing for its residents while they rebuild. The first is that recreational vehicles to be placed on residential properties. An alternative is that vouchers be given to residents in order to have the ability to purchase recreational vehicles to place on their property as they rebuild. The state will work with the parish to assist residents to understand that this option may count against their receipt of housing rebuilding funds from FEMA. In the absence of these alternatives, the parish is requesting mobile homes or park models for placement on group or commercial sites for approximately 2,000 residents. Additionally, the parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for lower Cameron for Temporary Housing Units placed on group or commercial sites for a period of 180 days. The parish also seeks alternatives to replace and build rental units in the parish. Please see the attached letter from Cameron Parish Policy Jury for more specifics on their interim and permanent housing solutions.
- Terrebonne Parish: More than 3,000 homes and 200 rental units were damaged in Terrebonne Parish displacing more than 12,500 residents. Approximately 6,000 residents will have to remain temporarily relocated from their homes. Terrebonne Parish requests the following interim, short-term and longer-term temporary resources: utilization of available rental units and the purchase of 200 travel trailers owned by a neighboring parish to be reimbursed by FEMA. In the absence of these alternatives, the parish is requesting travel trailers, mobile homes or park models for approximately 1,500 residents to be placed on individual properties or in group sites. Additionally, the parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for Temporary Housing Units for a period of 180 days. The parish also requests, as outlined in their letter, a series of alternative models including Katrina or Mississippi cottages, as well as resources for elevation, demolition and rebuilding. The parish also seeks alternatives to replace and build rental units in the parish. Please see the attached letter from Terrebonne Parish for more specifics on their requested interim and permanent housing solutions.
- Lafourche Parish: Lafourche had few homes completely destroyed, but also suffers from a severe shortage of alternative housing resources. They are requesting alternative housing solution for approximately 50 residents. Like other parishes, commuting outside of the parish is not an option for most residents that are employed fulltime and need to remain close to their jobs and schools for their children.
- Jefferson:
  - Grand Isle was severely damaged by the storm surge of both storms. Most of the town's homes are second homes, but for the small year-round residential population there is a need for alternative housing solution in the absence of rental resources. The town has requested mobile homes or park models for 65 households. Additionally, the parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for Temporary Housing Units for a period of 180 days. The
  - Town of Jean Lafitte – Up to 1,000 homes damaged, approximately 50 of which were rental units. The town has requested mobile homes or park models for 500 households. Additionally, the parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for Temporary Housing Units for a period of 180 days.

Below is a breakdown of available housing resources in the parish to date:

Parish/Town	# that will Temporarily Relocate	Estimated Homes with some damage	Number of available rental units at or below Fair Market Rent as of 10/6/08	Number of available hotel/motel rooms as of 10/8/08	Requests Travel Trailers, Mobile Homes and/or Park Models	Quantity
Cameron*	744	1,510	1	0	Yes	2,000
Terrebonne	6,000	3,218	9	0	Yes	1,500
Lafourche	1,160	5,848	15	5	Yes	50
Grand Isle	N/A	N/A	0	0	Yes	65
Jean Lafitte	N/A	1,000	0	0	Yes	50

\* Only 63% of parish inspections completed at time of data collection.

I am grateful for the support your staff has provided and request your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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October 13, 2008

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Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the Police Jury President of Cameron Parish, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my Parish.

1800 homes were damaged in Hurricane Ike, displacing more than 4000 residents. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 18 months to repair and/or rebuild.

I request the following interim (generally 18 months) housing solutions to serve approximately 2000 residents:

- 1) Recreation vehicles placed on home site while resident is rebuilding
- 2) Voucher to residents for a recreation vehicle, (FEMA will not be held responsible if anything goes wrong)
- 3) Group mobile-home sites; (must be allowed in A and V zones)

Clarification is needed from FEMA on the Park Model Mobile Homes; (can they be considered a recreation vehicle?) They measure 10' X 38", which is less than 400 sq. ft.

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve approximately 300 residents:

- 1) Innovative, affordable housing, (we are currently viewing different types of housing and would like to present our findings to you in the near future)

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

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Paul Rainwater, Executive Director  
Louisiana Recovery Authority

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

Magnus McGee, President  
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY



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October 10, 2008

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Louisiana Recovery Authority  
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Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the Parish President of Terrebonne, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my parish.

3,018 homes and 200 rental units were damaged in Hurricane Gustav/Ike, displacing more than 12,500 residents. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 18 – 24 months to repair and/or rebuild.

I request the following interim (generally up to 18 months) housing solutions to serve approximately 6,000 residents:

- Utilize all available rental units
- Purchase travel trailers which will be reimbursed by FEMA (200)
- Provide FEMA Travel Trailers
- Provide Mobile Homes (Park Series); waive elevation requirement for 180 days

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve approximately 4,000 residents:

- Katrina or Mississippi Cottages
- Authorize permanent Elevated and Code Compliant Housing
- Accelerate the addition HMGP 1603 Fund including 11 mil of elevation projects
- Appropriate 40 mil HMGP Funds for Demo/Rebuild, elevations relocation and buyout projects. Prefer CDBG buyout process such as in Roadhome

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

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Paul Rainwater  
October 10, 2008  
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Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michel H. Claudet  
Parish President

Cc: Council Reading Files  
Patrick Gordon, Parish Manager



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October 15, 2008

Mr. James W. Stark  
Director, Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
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New Orleans, LA 70113

Dear Mr. Stark:

As the Governor's Authorized Representative and at the request of the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) Board, I request that FEMA bring temporary housing units to the parishes most heavily impacted by hurricanes Gustav and Ike. I also ask that FEMA grant our request to waive flood elevation requirements for a temporary period determined in coordination with parishes. Since early September 2008, within days of Hurricane Gustav, I have made it clear that the state requires, with the greatest urgency, such units for its residents, and that they remain in close proximity to their jobs and communities so they may work, attend school and rebuild. As you know, the state plans to use rental resources where they are available, but many of the residents in need of these temporary housing units are employees of the state's seafood and oil and gas industries which depend on their workforce to be nearby. The immediacy of this matter was reiterated by the LRA Board at its public meeting today.

In our first meeting with FEMA on September 3, 2008 my staff requested specific guidance, including eligibility criteria, application procedures and corresponding timelines so that we could expedite the process. Nothing was forthcoming. Though requests have been made for such critical guidance at every subsequent meeting with FEMA, including the one that took place yesterday, we have not received this timeline and information.

Instead, I am informed about new requirements that I must follow each week. For example, it took two weeks after our first housing meeting with FEMA—the same meeting at which my agency stated its urgent need for temporary housing units and explicitly requested pertinent procedures—to learn that I needed formally to request a Direct Housing Mission for FEMA to begin a determination of the feasibility of these interim housing solutions. I have since requested this mission. Then I was told that, in order to move this mission forward, each impacted parish must submit letters of support, even though FEMA has adequate data about the degree of damage to homes, the lack of availability of hotels, motels and available rental resources within close proximity to residences. The most impacted parishes have since submitted their letters. I recently learned that FEMA now seeks to require our residents to meet with case managers before receiving their temporary housing unit.

Again, it is clear that residents in our most impacted parishes need temporary housing units within close proximity to their homes, jobs and schools.

Please instruct your staff to determine a timeline to bring temporary housing units to our most impacted parishes by next week. I request a response from you and your staff by tomorrow morning.

Sincerely,

  
Paul W. Rainwater  
Executive Director



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October 24, 2008

Mr. James W. Stark  
Assistant Administrator, Gulf Coast Recovery  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
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New Orleans, LA 70113

Dear Mr. Stark:

Thank you for meeting with members of the Cameron Parish Police Jury (CPPJ) and me yesterday. I am very pleased that you are committed to exploring creative solutions to ensure adequate, alternative housing for residents who live in flood zones in parishes that lack rental resources. The parish authorities and I understand that FEMA is relying on data from its Pre-Placement Interviews (PPI) to determine need for temporary housing units. The parishes that have requested temporary housing units are committed to aggressive outreach to ensure that residents are both registered with FEMA and properly communicating their immediate housing needs, so they will be considered "P-4" applicants that are eligible for temporary housing units.

I appreciate your commitment to pursue immediate movement of park models and maximum disbursement of \$28,800 Individual Assistance funds, which would allow individuals to purchase their own park models. The members of CPPJ and I look forward to hearing good news about both of these solutions on October 27, 2008.

I would like to reiterate why park models are a viable solution for Cameron parish. Under FEMA's regulations authorizing housing assistance to individuals, "travel trailers" are expressly included as an available housing alternative when rental resources are not available. 26 C.F.R. 206.101 (g). It has been apparent throughout the past several years and continuing the rental resources within the communities in Cameron Parish are generally unavailable to meet the housing needs of the citizens displaced by the storms. Cameron Parish requested that "recreational vehicles" be placed by FEMA on homeowners private lots. The ensuing discussion began focus on the use of the generic term "travel trailers", and we were cited to the Interim Direction signed by R. David Paulison effective March 10, 2008 which temporarily prohibited use of travel trailers. However, expressly exempted from that prohibition are "Park Model" travel trailers. Under 44 CFR 60.3(e)(9) Park Models can meet the criteria of a Recreational Vehicle, and these portable units can be placed on the home sites within Cameron Parish without the need of extensive elevation methods. (44 CFR 59.1 definition – built on a single chassis, 400 square feet or less, permanently towable by a light duty truck, and not a permanent dwelling). Finally, and fortunately, utilities are generally available throughout Cameron Parish, so lack of services is not an obstacle.

My only concern with pursuing the maximum disbursement of Individual Assistance funds is that we shall need to be sure that there are enough dollars available to purchase a unit. I understand from our meeting yesterday that nearly 200 residents in Cameron Parish already have received, or are very close to receiving, the full \$28,800, and thus would not be eligible to receive additional funds. I look forward to your thoughts on how many households still have adequate funds available truly to benefit from this creative solution. CPPJ President McGee reminded me that several residents have already purchased temporary housing units due to their urgent needs. We would like to see this unique population also receive the maximum Individual Assistance funds.

As you know, parishes are taking your advice in getting their residents to use Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) to register for FEMA assistance and resolve issues that arise. In order to streamline the assistance process, I would like you to allow for caseworkers at the DRCs also to conduct PPI interviews. By doing this, we all can be sure that FEMA has the most accurate information on each of our residents' needs.

I am grateful for your support as we jointly pursue creative housing solutions for our residents in greatest need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul W. Rainwater", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul W. Rainwater  
Executive Director

October 24, 2008



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Dear Mr. Stark:

The Louisiana Recovery Authority provided to your office on October 14, 2008, supplementary housing solution information based on the urgent needs of the parishes of Cameron, Lafourche, and Terrebonne and the towns of Jean Lafitte and Grand Isle (Jefferson Parish). We advised that additional supplementary housing requests would be forwarded to your office as they are received by the LRA. These requests are part of the Direct Housing Mission request dated October 1, 2008.

LRA staff continues to work with parish leaders impacted by the 2008 storms to educate them about the state-led Joint Housing Taskforce and the new opportunities for temporary housing solutions outlined in FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Strategy guidance. We have shared with our parish leadership that the more ideal solution is to work with FEMA to secure rental resources or hotel/motel units where available.

Additional supplementary housing requests for the parishes of Avoyelles, Calcasieu, Iberia, and Vermilion have been received, as well as updated requests for Lafourche and Jefferson Parish. As previously stated, all of the parishes have made it clear that it is critical that commute distances be kept to a minimum so they remain in close proximity to their jobs and communities so they may work, attend school and rebuild. Many of the residents in need of temporary housing solutions while they rebuild are the employees of the state's vital and crucial industries which depend on their workforce to be nearby. Housing solutions outside of a short driving radius are not viable options.

In accordance with FEMA's 2008 Disaster Housing Plan, the state is making its second request for the following interim housing solutions by parish and town, as outlined below:

- Avoyelles Parish: More than 30 homes were damaged in Avoyelles Parish displacing more than 70 residents. They are requesting full sized mobile homes be placed on residential properties unless the home is in a flood zone, which would require placement of the mobile homes in a mobile home park. The parish also seeks alternatives to replace and rebuild rental units in the parish.
- Calcasieu Parish: Up to 1,500 residences were damaged in Calcasieu Parish displacing more than 2,100 residents. The parish requests interim housing solutions that include adequate Disaster Housing Assistance Program funding; utility and security deposit assistance; and gap funding to cover rental costs for families without sufficient insurance coverage. Permanent housing solutions requested by Calcasieu Parish include funding for (1) elevation of existing structures, (2) buy-outs of repetitive loss structures, and (3) affordable housing options for low-to-moderate income citizens.
- Iberia Parish: Housing needs were critical in Iberia Parish before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, with a calculated need for 3,443 affordable housing units in early 2005. Damages were sustained by 760 residences during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. Iberia Parish is requesting assistance with the construction of

new/replacement housing in designated areas and improved rental stock through a grant program for rental rehabilitation.

- Jefferson Parish:
  - Grand Isle was severely damaged by the storm surge of both storms. Most of the town's homes are second homes, but for the small year-round residential population there is a need for alternative housing solutions in the absence of rental resources. The town has requested mobile homes or park models for 75 households. Jefferson Parish requests that a cruise ship be docked at Port Fourchon to house the displaced residents of Grand Isle. This request is made in lieu of trailers due to Grand Isle's vulnerability to severe weather and high winds, which can damage trailers. If the placement of a cruise ship is not a possibility, then additional mobile homes or park models will be needed. The parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for Temporary Housing Units for a period of 180 days.
  - The Town of Jean Lafitte – Up to 1,000 homes and approximately 50 rental units were damaged. The town has requested mobile homes or park models on an interim basis for 250 households; permanent housing solutions are requested for 75 households. The parish requests a waiver of the elevation requirement for THUs for a period of 180 days.
- Lafourche Parish: Few homes were completely destroyed, but the parish suffers from a severe shortage of alternative housing resources. Lafourche requests alternative housing solutions for approximately 50 residents. Commuting outside of the parish is not an option for most residents employed fulltime who need to remain close to their jobs and schools for their children.
- Vermilion Parish: Damage was sustained by 200 homes and between 150-200 rental units, displacing more than 400 residents. They are requesting mobile homes or park models as an alternative housing solution for approximately 200 residents on an interim basis. Additionally, they request permanent housing solutions for 200 residents in the form of vouchers to purchase mobile homes. Like other parishes, commuting outside of the parish is not an option for most residents that are employed fulltime and need to remain close to their jobs and schools for their children.

Below is a breakdown of available housing resources and estimated need in the parishes to date:

Parish/Town	# that stated will temporarily relocate	Estimated Homes with damages > \$10k*	No. of avail. rental units at or below Fair Market Rent as of 10/6/08	No. of avail. hotel/motel rooms as of 10/8/08	Request Park Models, Travel Trailers, Mobile Homes	Quantity
Avoyelles	144	50	8	Unknown	Yes	30
Calcasieu	1067	630	208 (10/20/08)	Unknown	No	0
Cameron**	744	870	1	0	Yes	2,000
Iberia	789	200	6	Unknown	Yes	760
Grand Isle	N/A	100	0	0	Yes	75 ***
Jean Lafitte	N/A	300	0	0	Yes	250
Lafourche	1,160	300	15	0	Yes	50
Terrebonne	2843	990	9	0	Yes	1,500
Vermilion	344	300	19	Unknown	Yes	200

\* Based on projections of FEMA IA Inspection data

\*\* Only 63% of parish inspections completed at time of data collection.

\*\*\* This figure may increase based on decision for a cruise ship to be docked at Port Fourchon.

I am grateful for the support your staff has provided and request your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Paul W. Rainwater  
Executive Director

October 15, 2008

Paul Rainwater  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Recovery Authority  
150 Third Street, Suite 200  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the Parish/Police Jury President of Avoyelles Parish, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my parish.

25 homes and 5 rental units were damaged in Hurricane Gustav/Ike, displacing more than 70 residents. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 18 months to repair and/or rebuild.

I request the following interim (generally up to 18 months) housing solutions to serve approximately 70 residents:

Full size mobile homes to be placed next to the residents damaged home.  
If the home is in a flood zone placed in a mobile home park.  
Residents renting units we would like help with financial rental assistance and finding a new rental unit.

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve approximately 10 residents:

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

George M Romano  
Parish/Police Jury President



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**Kevin Guidry**  
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Parish Administrator

**Mr. Paul Rainwater, Executive Director**  
**Louisiana Recovery Authority**  
150 Third Street, Suite 200  
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Via Fax (225) 342-0002

**Shannon Spell**  
District 1

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

**Calvin Collins**  
District 2

**Elizabeth Conway Griffin**  
District 3

As the Police Jury President of Calcasieu Parish, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my parish.

**Claude A. Syas**  
District 4

**Charles S. Mackey, D.D.S.**  
District 5

Approximately 1,500 residences were damaged in Hurricane Ike. As a result of this damage, nearly half of the residents in these units are displaced. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 18 months to repair and/or rebuild.

**Dennis Scott**  
District 6

**Chris E. Landry**  
District 7

**Guy Brame**  
District 8

I request the following interim housing solutions to serve the estimated 2,100 residents displaced due to hurricane damage:

**Kevin Guidry**  
District 9

**Tony Stelly**  
District 10

- Assure that adequate Disaster Housing Assistance Program funding is available;
- Provide utility deposit and security deposit assistance; and
- Provide gap funding for families without sufficient insurance coverage to pay rental costs.

**Sandy Trame**  
District 11

**Ellis Hassien**  
District 12

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve the estimated 2,100 residents seeking options:

**Francis Andrepoint**  
District 13

**Hal McMillin**  
District 14

**Les Farnum**  
District 15

- Funding for elevation of existing structures;
- Funding for buy-outs of repetitive loss structures; and
- Funding for safe, decent affordable housing options for low to moderate income citizens.

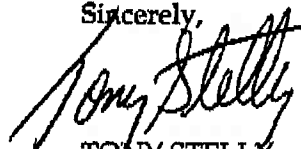
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Mr. Paul Rainwater, Executive Director  
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Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,



TONY STELLY  
President

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cc:

Mr. S. Mark McMurry, Parish Administrator  
Mr. Bryan C. Beam, Assistant Parish Administrator  
Mr. Jim Vickers, Director of Planning and Development  
Mr. Dick Gremillion, Director of Homeland Security  
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**Ernest Freyou**  
Parish President

October 13, 2008

Mr. Paul Rainwater, Executive Director  
Louisiana Recovery Authority  
150 North 3<sup>rd</sup>, Suite 200  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the Parish President of Iberia Parish, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for residents of my parish.

For your information, a Housing Needs Study was completed in February, 2005 for Iberia Parish. This was before Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This report showed that there is a calculated need for 3,443 "affordable housing units" in the parish, of which 1,585 are needed for the City of New Iberia. Obviously, the Storms of 2005 worsened our affordable housing capacity. Hurricanes Gustav and Ike added insult to injury.

The following is a breakdown of damages for Hurricanes (Gustav and Ike) for Iberia parish.

<u>Single Family Dwelling (SFD)</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Minor</u>	<u>Affected</u>	<u>Total</u>
	1	43	105	450	599
<u>Mobile Homes (MH)</u>	7	11	14	129	161
<u>Apartments (APT)</u>	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Total</u>					<u>760</u>

Based on the level of damage and the current housing crisis confronting Iberia Parish residents, it will take up to eighteen (18) months to repair and/or rebuild.

- Improve rental stock through a grant program for rental rehab.
- Construct new/replacement houses in designated areas.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

**IBERIA PARISH GOVERNMENT**

  
Ernest Freyou  
President



# JEFFERSON PARISH LOUISIANA

OFFICE OF PARISH PRESIDENT

October 14, 2008

AARON F. BROUSSARD  
PARISH PRESIDENT

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Mr. Paul Rainwater  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Recovery Authority  
150 Third Street, Suite 200  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As President of Jefferson Parish, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my Parish.

Approximately 130 homes were damaged by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike in the Town of Grand Isle, displacing more than 120 residents. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 12 months to repair and/or rebuild these residences.

I request the following interim (generally up to 18 months), with the option to request an extension should the need arise, housing solutions to serve approximately 120 residents: 75 FEMA Trailers. Additionally, I am requesting a waiver to the elevations requirements for the interim trailers for 18 months.

Further, please be advised that Jefferson Parish originally requested that a cruise ship, to be docked at Port Fourchon, be used to house the displaced residents of Grand Isle. This request was made in lieu of trailers due to Grand Isle's vulnerability to severe weather and high winds, which can damage or destroy trailers. However, if this is not possible or available, the FEMA trailers would be most appreciated,

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

AARON F. BROUSSARD  
Parish President

cc: Mayor David Camardelle  
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PARISH PRESIDENT

Mr. Paul Rainwater  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Recovery Authority  
150 Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the Jefferson Parish President, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my parish.

Approximately 1000 homes and 50 rental units were damaged in Hurricane Ike in the Town of Jean Lafitte, displacing more than 500 residents. Based on the level of damage, it will take approximately 12 months to repair and/or rebuild these residences.

I request the following interim (generally up to 18 months), with the option to request an extension should the need arise, housing solutions to serve approximately 500 residents:  
-250 FEMA Trailers

Additionally, I am requesting a waiver to the elevations requirement for the interim trailers for 18 months.

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve approximately 150 residents:  
-75 FEMA Trailers

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

AARON F. BROUSSARD  
Parish President

cc: Mayor Tim Kerner  
Hon. Chris Roberts  
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**Fay Ayers**

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**Subject:** Lafourche parish -email of disaster housing need

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**From:** Thomas Turner, III [mailto:turnert3@lafourchegov.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 13, 2008 3:32 PM  
**To:** Robin Keegan  
**Subject:** Housing

Robin,

Sorry we missed the conference call. Info sent after hours will probably not get to us.

I would like to address the questions concerning Lafourche Parish.

- a) There are no hotels and motels available in our area for temporary relocations;
- b) The number of **AFFORDABLE** rental units in this area is zero.
- c) Commuting from a neighboring parish is not an option but may be suggested.
- d) Group sights are available for placing FEMA trailers

I hope this can help. Please let me know.  
We need approximately 50 FEMA TRailor.

Thanks,

**Thomas Turner, III**  
**Community Service Director**  
**Lafourche Parish Government**  
**1612 Highway 182**  
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**Raceland, Louisiana 70394**  
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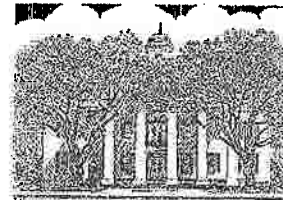
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October 15, 2008

Paul Rainwater  
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Dear Mr. Rainwater:

As the ~~Parish Police Jury~~ President of ~~Vermilion~~, I support the request the Louisiana Recovery Authority has made to FEMA to secure the housing solutions outlined below. I look forward to working in partnership to secure immediate, short and long term housing solutions for the residents of my parish.

~~200~~ homes and approximately ~~150-200~~ rental units were damaged in Hurricane ~~Gustav~~ and ~~Ike~~, displacing more than ~~400~~ residents. Based on the level of damage, it is ~~unknown at this time~~ the months to repair and/or rebuild.

I request the following interim (generally up to 18 months) housing solutions to serve approximately ~~200~~ residents:

~~Park Type Trailers - will they be required to elevate~~

I request the following permanent housing solutions to serve approximately ~~200~~ residents:

~~Voucher - to purchase trailers/set up~~

It is imperative that these resources be secured within close proximity to the jobs and communities of each resident.

Thank you for your timely attention to this request and for understanding the urgency of the situation. Again, I look forward to working closely with the LRA and FEMA to move quickly to execute the housing solutions identified above.

Sincerely,

*Gerald Butaud*

~~Parish Police Jury~~ President

October 28, 2008

GOHSEP-AFO-BR

James W. Stark  
Director, Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office  
Federal Emergency Management Agency  
1250 Poydras St. Box 43  
New Orleans, LA 70113

SUBJECT: Temporary Waiver to FEMA Floodplain Management Policy –  
Location of Temporary Housing in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) V Zone

Dear Mr. Stark:

This letter will serve as the State of Louisiana's official request to FEMA seeking a temporary waiver to the Agency's policy of not allowing temporary housing under the Individual Assistance Program to be located in a SFHA V Zone, specifically in communities like Cameron Parish.

FEMA and Cameron Parish held the Community Consultation Officer (CCO) meeting on April 29, 2008, at which time the parish was given their new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM). Prior to the issuance of these new maps approximately 30% of Cameron Parish was located in a SFHA V Zone. With the issuance of these new maps approximately 83% of the Parish is now located in the V Zone. This has caused a tremendous hardship on Cameron Parish.

Subsequent to the issuance of these maps the Parish was devastated by two back-to-back hurricanes – Gustav and Ike in September, 2008. The devastating effects of these two storms especially impacted individual homeowners. Approximately 400 Cameron Parish homeowners were forced to apply for housing assistance under FEMA's Individual Assistance Program. Unfortunately, they are being denied this assistance because of FEMA's policy of prohibiting housing assistance in a SFHA V Zone.

I strongly urge, on behalf of these homeowners, to issue a temporary waiver to this policy until the Parish adopts the new DFIRMs. This will then allow for much needed humanitarian assistance to reach these needy homeowners.

If you have any further questions regarding this subject, please feel free to contact Mr. D. Casey Levy, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, at 225-267-2673 or email [clevy@ohsep.louisiana.gov](mailto:clevy@ohsep.louisiana.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Paul W. Rainwater

PWR/dcl



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